

Region 1

2016 Block Management Program



For the 2016 fall hunting seasons, there are approximately 764,000 acres of private and isolated public lands enrolled in FWP's Region 1 Block Management program. The majority of these lands are owned by corporate timber companies: Weyerhaeuser Company, F.H. Stoltze Land & Lumber Company, and Stimson Lumber Company. However, traditional private land BMAs can also be found in Region 1. This region of Montana is primarily dense conifer forest habitat type, which offers opportunity to hunt elk, deer, moose, black bear, wolf, mountain grouse, turkey, and occasionally waterfowl.

Individual BMA maps are available online as well as at the Region 1 headquarters in Kalispell.

To access maps online, visit the FWP website at <http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/hunterAccess/blockman/regions/region1/>.

It is recommended you print your maps from a color printer to ensure color coded restrictions and landownership are clearly represented. The Weyerhaeuser BMA map is intended to depict broad landscape ownership. For greater detail with respect to Weyerhaeuser ownership, use the appropriate National Forest Service Map (Flathead, Kootenai or Lolo).

Weyerhaeuser Company also offers opportunities for hunters with disabilities. For more information visit the R1 FWP headquarters at:

490 North Meridian Road
Kalispell, Montana 59901
Phone: (406) 752-5501

Remember, Block Management lands are **private lands** that are open to public use. They are available only as long as we treat these properties with respect and follow all rules and regulations.

Some general regulations you will need to know before you go hunting are:

- * Motorized vehicles are permitted only on open, established roads.
- * Off-road vehicle use is prohibited.
- * A bermed road is a closed road.
- * There is a 16-day camping limit in some areas.
- * Permits are required for firewood cutting.

And as always, remember that a State Lands Recreational Use permit is required if you plan to utilize state lands for activities other than hunting, fishing or trapping.

REGION 1 BLOCK MANAGEMENT AREAS

BMA No.	BMA Name	General Location	Acres	Dates Open to Hunting	Method for Obtaining Permission/ BMA Type	Primary Hunting Opportunities	Hunting District	BLM or USFS Map	Additional Information
1	Naegeli Ranch	Little Beaver Creek, near Thompson Falls	920	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	Written permission given on site or call 406-827-4887 during daylight hours.	WT/M Deer, Elk, Bear, Turkey, Waterfowl	D/E 121	Kootenai National Forest	Open for 2017 Spring Turkey Season.
2	Kohler Lake	South of Creston	160	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	Reservations administered by Region 1 FWP. Call 406-752-5501	WT/M Deer, Elk, Bear, Upland Game Birds, Turkey, Waterfowl	D/E 132	Flathead National Forest	Shotgun, muzzle loader, pistol or archery equipment only. Rifles prohibited. Open for 2017 Spring Turkey Season.
3	Gardner Ranch	Trout Creek	881	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	Register daily at sign-in box.	WT/M Deer, Elk, Bear, Upland Game Birds, Turkey, Waterfowl	D/E 121	Kootenai National Forest	Walk-in hunting from designated roads. Open for 2017 Spring Turkey Season.
4	Meuli Ranch	Dayton	3,000	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	Register daily at sign-in box.	WT/M Deer, Elk, Bear, Upland Game Birds, Turkey, Waterfowl	D/E 120	Flathead National Forest	This BMA is closed the first three days of the general rifle season. Open for 2017 Spring Turkey Season.
5	Peters Family Trust	West of Trego	653	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	Landowner permission given on site or call 406-882-4715 between 7:30 AM and 9:00 PM.	WT Deer, Elk, Turkey	D/E 101	Kootenai National Forest	Walk-in hunting only. *Elk hunting allowed from 9/3 - 10/16 (Archery Equip. Only), 10/22 - 11/27. Open for 2017 Spring Turkey Season.
6	Columbia Falls Aluminum Company (CFAC)	Northeast of Columbia Falls	900	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	Reservations administered by Region 1 FWP. Call 406-752-5501	WT/M Deer, Elk, Bear, Upland Gamebirds, Turkey	D/E 132	Flathead National Forest	This area is for youth and PTHFV hunters only. Hunting allowed Thursdays-Sundays. General Rifle Season permission administered via drawing. Open for 2017 Spring Turkey Season.
8	F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Company Johnson Creek	North of Columbia Falls	1,500	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	Permission is not required. Users required to follow BMA rules/regulation and Open Lands Policy	WT/M Deer, Elk, Bear, Upland Gamebirds, Turkey	D/E 132	Flathead National Forest	Contact the R1 FWP office or Stoltze office for BMA map and regulations or a copy of the Open Land Use Policy. Open for 2017 Spring Turkey Season.
9	F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Company Haskill Basin-Trumble Creek	Northeast of Whitefish	10,200	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	Permission is not required. Users required to follow BMA rules/regulation and Open Lands Policy	WT/M Deer, Elk, Bear, Upland Gamebirds, Turkey	D/E 110	Flathead National Forest	Contact the R1 FWP office or Stoltze office for BMA map and regulations or a copy of the Open Land Use Policy. Open for 2017 Spring Turkey Season.
10	Avista-South Fork Bull River	Southwest of Libby	574	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	Written permission is required. Obtain permission by contacting the Avista Land office in Noxon at 406-847-1285.	WT/M Deer, Elk, Bear, Upland Gamebirds, Turkey, Waterfowl	D/E 121	Kootenai National Forest	Hunter numbers are limited to (4) hunters per day. Reservations are for (2) days only. Open for 2017 Spring Turkey Season.

To receive maps and permission information through the mail, please call (406) 752-5501.

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11	Avista-Bull River	Southwest of Libby	155	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	Register daily at sign-in box.	WT/M Deer, Elk, Moose, Bear, Upland Gamebirds, Turkeys, Waterfowl	D/E 121	Kootenai National Forest	Access limited to (2) vehicles at designated Parking Area. Hunters are only allowed to use a shotgun, muzzleloader, handgun or archery equipment on this BMA. 2017 Spring Turkey Season.
12	Avista-Tuscor	West of Trout Creek	500	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	Written permission is required. Obtain permission by contacting the Avista Land office in Noxon at 406-847-1285.	WT/M Deer, Elk, Moose, Bear, Upland Gamebirds, Turkeys, Waterfowl	D/E 121	Kootenai National Forest	Hunter numbers limited to (4) hunters per day.
13	Stimson Ruby-Brush	North of Troy	7,567	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	Permission is not required.	WT/M Deer, Elk, Moose, Bear, Upland Gamebirds, Turkey	D/E 104	Kootenai National Forest	2017 Spring Turkey Season.
14	Lake Mary Roman	Dayton	1,420	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	Register daily at sign-in box.	WT/M Deer, Elk, Bear, Upland Gamebirds, Turkey	D/E 120	Flathead National Forest	Motorized travel restricted to designated access route.
15	Stimson Troy	Troy	21,428	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	Permission is not required.	WT/M Deer, Elk, Moose, Bear, Upland Gamebirds, Turkey	D/E 100, 103, 104	Kootenai & Lolo National Forests	2017 Spring Turkey Season.
16	Avista	Northwest Montana	3,800	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	Permission is not required. Users must follow Avista Open Lands Policy.	WT/M Deer, Elk, Moose, Bear, Upland Gamebirds, Turkeys, Waterfowl	D/E 121, 123	Kootenai & Lolo National Forests	
100	Weyerhaeuser Company	Northwest Montana	709,927	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	Permission is not required.	WT/M Deer, Elk, Moose, Bear, Upland Gamebirds, Turkeys, Waterfowl	D/E 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 110, 120, 121, 122, 124, 132	Kootenai, Flathead & Lolo National Forests	Contact the R1 FWP office in Kalispell for BMA map and regulations.



Clark Fork Hydro Project Lands Policy (FERC Project #2058)

Avista Utilities welcomes the responsible and appropriate use of our land for noncommercial activities such as fishing, hunting, camping, picnicking, and hiking. Avista property is privately owned, however it is open to the public in most areas.

Follow posted rules and regulations when visiting Avista lands. Individuals violating rules and regulations will be expelled from Avista lands and may receive a citation.

Please Note: Water levels are subject to change without notice.

Motor Vehicle and Road Restrictions

Avista restricts motorized use on our land to preserve important natural resources, limit the spread of noxious weeds and protect company property

- Motorized traffic is limited to designated roads.
- ATV's must be licensed; an ATV sticker is not a substitute for license.
- All state laws apply (speed limit, valid drivers' license, etc.).

Camping Rules and Regulations

Camping is allowed unless otherwise posted. Some areas have site specific rules and regulations posted. It is your responsibility to know if special rules apply.

- There is a 14 day camping limit in any 30 day period and a 30 day limit per year.
- Use only down wood for fires. Fires must be attended at all times.
- Campsites cannot be left unattended overnight.
- Pack it in, pack it out. There is no garbage service.
- Fireworks are not permitted on Avista property.
- Animals must be leashed if requested by another individual.

Commercial activity (outfitting / guiding, firewood cutting, etc.) is allowed with written permission only. Do not trespass on other private property to reach Avista land.

Welcome to Avista Utilities land.

Please call 406-847-1280 if you have questions or comments or contact MFWP Region 1 office in Kalispell at 406-752-5501.



**Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks**



Weyerhaeuser

Montana Open Lands Policy

Weyerhaeuser Company welcomes the responsible use of its timberlands by the public for non-commercial recreation such as; hunting, fishing, camping and trapping. Logging and forestry activities are ongoing however, and may pose a danger. Please adhere to the following rules when using Weyerhaeuser lands.

Road Restrictions:

Weyerhaeuser often restricts the type of motorized access permitted on its lands to protect wildlife security, prevent sedimentation from logging roads, reduce the spread of noxious weeds, and protect company property. The following rules apply to Weyerhaeuser roads:

- Weyerhaeuser restricts road use with gates, barricades, earthen barriers, or signs. This may be a restriction on roads owned by Weyerhaeuser or a restriction on roads that are cooperatively owned, such as a road cost-shared with the Forest Service. A cooperative road management sign identifies the intended restriction.
- A gate, whether opened or closed, with no sign is a year-round closure to all motorized vehicles.
- Road restrictions apply behind unmarked gates, even if the gate is vandalized or open.
- For a road to be open behind a gate, it must be specifically designated by a sign as “Open”.
- An earthen barrier without a sign is considered a “Closure” to all motorized vehicles, except snowmobiles between December 1 and April 1.
- Gates must not be blocked. Administrative, contractor or emergency traffic may need to pass through.
- All “off-road” motorized vehicle use is prohibited.
- Hunting or transportation of hunters or game with administrative or commercial vehicles is prohibited behind any road closure.

Camping:

Camping is limited to 14 days per campsite. During this time, the campsite must not be left unattended for more than three consecutive days. Camping beyond 14 days requires relocating to a new site at least five miles from the original site. A Weyerhaeuser permit is required for any Exceptions and Special Use camping. Cutting standing trees is not permitted at any time.

Campers must:

- Pack out all garbage and leave the area clean.
- Be careful with fire.
- Avoid polluting with human waste. Toilets located within 300 feet of water must be self-contained.

Trapping:

Recreational wolf trapping, as defined by published Montana FWP trapping regulations is allowed. Regulations and limits will adhere and be as defined by set Montana FWP trapping license regulations. Wolf trappers must be MFWP “Wolf Trapper Certified”.

Wolf trappers must register at local MFWP Regional offices with; name, trapping location – (S/T/R) and phone #. No trapping on active logging and road construction projects (if machinery is in the area, it is closed to trapping). Land based- Trap setbacks required; 150’ from all open or gated roads and hiking trails. 1,000’ from all residences and trailheads.

****Please note that commercial activity, including trapping and woodcutting is not permitted on Weyerhaeuser land without a Weyerhaeuser “Use Permit”.**

****It is your responsibility to know whose property you are using and you should avoid trespassing on the private property of others to reach Weyerhaeuser lands.**

Please report violations or vandalism to Weyerhaeuser or Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Weyerhaeuser: Kalispell 406-751-2400

Libby 406-293-6204

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks:

1 (800) TIP- MONT

Open Lands Policy

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The Nature Conservancy (TNC) allows responsible use of its forestland in Western Montana for public recreation, such as hunting, fishing and camping. Hazards exist, so recreationists must use caution and enter at their own risk. Logging and land management activities are ongoing, and may pose a danger. The following regulations must be adhered to when using TNC forestlands:

- **Non-motorized public access is allowed** on all lands, at all times of the year, unless otherwise posted.
- **Wheeled motorized access is allowed**, but is limited to open, established roads.
- **No unauthorized wheeled motorized use** of closed roads or trails is allowed. Closed roads and trails are often posted as such by TNC. However, a closed gate or other closure device (such as a log barricade or earthen berm) with no sign is closed to all wheeled motorized vehicles. Road restrictions apply even if a sign, gate or closure device has been vandalized or damaged.
- **Gates** must not be blocked. Administrative, contractor, or emergency traffic may need to pass through.
- **No off-road** or off-trail wheeled motorized use is allowed by the general public.
- **Snowmobiles** are allowed from December 1 to April 1, except where signed closures exist. To reduce impacts to soils, vegetation and wildlife, TNC requests that snowmobilers stay on groomed or signed snowmobile routes, or the forest road system.
- **Hunting, fishing** and all forms of legal animal harvest in accordance with relevant state laws are allowed. TNC reserves the right to close its lands to specific forms of animal harvest at TNC's sole discretion.
- Hunting or transportation of hunters or game with administrative or commercial vehicles is prohibited behind a closure.
- The use of Exploding Targets is NOT allowed on TNC lands. Areas may be closed to Recreational Shooting at TNC's sole discretion. Recreational shooters are required to clean up all shooting waste.
- Personal-use plant, berry and mushroom harvesting are allowed.
- **Permitted personal-use firewood** gathering of dead or down wood is allowed **from June 1 to December 31**. A \$15.00 permit is required, allowing for 5 cords per permit. Vehicles must stay on established, open roads for wood retrieval. Commercial firewood harvesting is not allowed, except as specifically permitted.
- **Camping** is limited to 16 days per campsite. During this time the campsite must not be left unattended for more than 3 consecutive days. Camping beyond 16 days requires relocating to a new site at least 5 miles from the original site. To minimize conflicts with bears and other wildlife: human, pet and livestock food, garbage and all other attractants must be acceptably stored at all times (see Lolo Nat'l Forest Food/Wildlife Attractant Storage Special Order #F11-005-Lolo-Forest). During campsite occupation, firewood may be cut only for use within that campsite. No live trees may be cut by campers.
- The use of **Certified Weed-Seed-Free** livestock hay, forage, and bedding is required for all livestock users and animal handlers. Do not tie livestock to trees; instead use a post, high-line or hitch-rail.
- **Pack out all garbage.** Leave TNC lands as clean as or cleaner than you found them.
- Do not pollute with human waste. Pack out or bury all human waste at least 6" deep. Toilets located within 300 feet of water must be self-contained.
- All activity on TNC lands is at the individual's OWN RISK. TNC assumes no liability or responsibility of any kind with respect to any of the activities described above or otherwise.
- Any use of TNC lands not consistent with these regulations shall be considered trespassing (and/or any other applicable crime) and shall be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
- TNC reserves the right to close off access to all or any portion of its lands, or to require anyone to leave its lands, at any time, for any reason.
- TNC forestlands in Western Montana are managed in collaboration with Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

It is your responsibility to know whose property you are using and that property's regulations. Avoid trespassing on private property.

Please report violations or vandalism to: Montana FWP at 1-800-TIP-MONT.

For more information or to purchase a firewood permit, contact TNC at 443-0303 or 543-6681.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!